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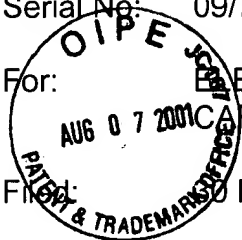
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For: ELECTRODE FOR INTRAVASCULAR STIMULATION,  
CARDIOVERSION AND/OR DEFIBRILLATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Five (5) U.S. patents and two (2) foreign patent documents are listed on the attached one (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/08A which is made a part hereof. A copy of each is enclosed.

Also enclosed, but not listed on the form, is a copy of a search report from the German Patent Office on German application 199 57 662.9, on which this US application claims priority.

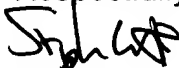
The German search report is in the German language, but it uses the international conventions for citation of prior art, so it is clear from the report that no "novelty" references are made. The references cited in the German search report are listed as AA through AG on the Form PTO/SB/08A. The German search report cites these references as the basis for "obviousness" rejections.

In the specification, particularly at paragraph [0005], a reference is made to US Pat. No. 5,954,761, which issued 21 September 1999. While this reference is not explicitly cited above, the applicant notes that Reference AF is the PCT application filed based on the same US application, that is, Serial No. 08/823,998, filed 25 March 1997. For that reason, no copy of the Machek '761 patent is included, as it would only duplicate Reference AF, which is already in English.

No English language equivalent is known for Reference AG, which originated as a US application in 1992 and has apparently never surfaced as a US patent.

The foregoing Information Disclosure Statement is based upon the information known to the inventor or contained in the undersigned attorney's file as of the filing date of this statement and is inclusive of the best information known to each of the undersigned at that date. Prompt consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and the references by the Examiner is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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